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### **Nurse Sentenced for Obtaining Medication With Forged Prescriptions**

WASHINGTON – Terri Lynn Brown, 49, a Registered Nurse from Manassas, Va., was sentenced today to two years' probation for obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced. The sentencing took place before the Honorable Henry H. Kennedy Jr. in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

According to the factual proffer presented to the Court, Brown worked between September 2006 and December 2009 as a Registered Nurse at various places, including Medical Faculty Associates, which is located at George Washington University in the District of Columbia. During that time, she obtained the prescription pads of three doctors and used them to write prescriptions in her name for approximately one dozen medications. Brown did not have authority to write these prescriptions, and she forged the names of the doctors on them.

The forged prescriptions were paid for by Script Care, the insurance company provided to Brown during her employment at Medical Faculty Associates. In particular, on May 9, 2008, Brown forged the name of a doctor on a prescription to herself for Tamazepam, a schedule IV controlled substance.

In announcing the sentencing, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the work of former Detective Sam Woodson of the Metropolitan Police Department and Special Agents on the FBI Health Care Fraud Squad. He also acknowledged the efforts of Assistant United States Attorney Thomas E. Zeno, who prosecuted this case, and the assistance of Paralegal Specialist Carolyn Cody and Legal Assistant Jared Forney.

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